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Please amend the paragraph at page 27, lines 13-22, as follows:

[0055] The outgoing side mail server 3 and the incoming side mail server 4 are so-called known mail servers. More specifically, the outgoing side mail server 3 has a role of receiving an alias mail from the originator terminal 1 and transmitting a reply mail responding to the alias mail to the originator terminal 1. The incoming side mail server 4 has a role of transmitting an alias mail to the recipient terminal 2 and receiving a reply mail responding to the alias mail from the ~~originator~~ recipient terminal 2.

Please amend the paragraph at page 37, line 28 through page 38, line 6, as follows:

[0098] As shown in the figure, the mail delivery system is constituted by connecting the originator terminal 1, the recipient terminal 2, the outgoing side mail server 3, the incoming side mail server 4, an alias mail relay server 30, and a remailer 40 to be capable of communicating with one another via the network (the communication network formed by the outgoing side IP network 5, the incoming side IP network 6, the Internet 7, the LAN 8, the router R, the firewall FW, and the like). The alias mail relay server [[10]] 30 corresponds to the alias mail processing unit in claim 1 and the like and the remailer [[20]] 40 corresponds to the reply mail processing unit in claim 1 and the like.

Please amend the paragraph at page 38, lines 15-18, as follows:

[0100] The alias mail relay server 30 and the remailer 40 are basically the same as the alias mail relay server [[30]] 10 and the remailer [[40]] 20. Constitutions of the alias mail relay server 30 and the remailer 40 are explained in detail below.

Please amend the paragraph at page 42, lines 8-15, as follows:

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[0114] Moreover, the alias mail relay server 30 performs transfer possibility judgment for judging whether the alias mail satisfies the control information C (the transfer conditions) restored at step S803 (step S804 ~~S805~~). When it is judged in the transfer possibility judgment that transfer is impossible, transfer of the alias mail is also rejected. Transfer possibility judgment processing by the alias mail relay server 30 is described in detail later (see Fig. 12).

Please amend the paragraph at page 42, lines 16-22, as follows:

[0115] When it is judged at step S804 ~~S805~~ that transfer is possible, the alias mail relay server 30 updates the control information C (the transfer conditions) restored at step S803 to generate new control information C1 (step S805). Processing for control information update by the alias mail relay server 30 is described in detail later (see Fig. 13).

Please amend the paragraph at page 47, line 28 through page 48, line 1, as follows:

[0138] The user address restoring unit 31 generates the recipient address R (=suzuki@mail.isp-A.ne.jp) with the character string r (=suzuki) as a user name portion and with "@mail.isp-A.ne.jp" as a domain name portion (step S1105 ~~S1103~~). As a result, the user address restoring unit 31 outputs the recipient address R (=suzuki@mail.isp-A.ne.jp) and the control information C (=N12.E030830+2W).

Please amend the paragraph at page 51, lines 19-26, as follows:

[0150] Conversely, when the condition of the "remaining number of times designation" (the transfer condition identifier "N") is not included in the control information C ("No" at step S1301), the control information updating unit 36 directly sets the inputted control information C as the control information C1 after update (step S1303 ~~S1302~~). As a

result, the control information updating unit 36 outputs the control information C1 after

update.

Please delete the original Abstract at page 74, lines 1-17, in its entirety and insert

therefor the following substitute Abstract as follows: